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TAGS: CASC (SULLIVAN, JOHN J.)
SUBJECT: W/W JOHN J. SULLIVAN

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER ON DECEMBER 9, 1981 FROM A PEDRO MARTINEZ WHO CLAIMS TO BE A HACIENDA POLICE AGENT AND THE WRITER OF THE LETTER TO THE WASHINGTON POST. (COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO DEPT.) ACCORDING TO MARTINE", SULLIVAN WAS TORTURED AND KILLED BY THE HACIENDA POLICE AND THE BODY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DUMPED IN THE TW OF QUEZALTEPEQUE. MARTINEZ FURTHER RELATES THAT HE HAS PROOF OF HIS ALLEGATIONS, BUT HE IS RELUCTANT TO COME FORWARD BECAUSE HE IS BEING CLOSELY WATCHED AND BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT TO ENDANGER HIS FAMILY. IN HIS LETTER MARTINEZ DESCRIBES SULLIVAN AS TALL, BEARDED AND BLUE-EYED. HE ALSO INDICATES SULLIVAN HAD SMALL SCARS OR MARKS ON HIS LEGES.

2. THE FIRST PROBLEM WITH THIS LETTER IS OBVIOUS. THE LETTER TO THE WASHINGTON WAS WRITTEN BY A PERSON CLAIMING TO BE AGENT MORAN AND THIS LETTER IS FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE AGENT PEDRO MARTINEZ. NOWHERE IN HIS LETTER DOES MARTINEZ EXPLAIN THIS DISCREPANCY. THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE NAME MORAN IN THE LETTER FROM MARTINEZ. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THAT SULLIVAN HAS BROWN EYES, NOT BLUE. ADDITIONALLY, IF MARTINEZ IS BEING WATCHED AS CLOSELY AS HE CLAIMS, HOW WAS HE ABLE TO WRITE AND MAIL THIS LETTER TO THE EMBASSY WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICION.

3. WE PROPOSE TO RUN THE SULLIVAN AD AGAIN, WITH A STATEMENT SIMILAR TO THE ONE REGARDING THE LETTER TO THE WASHINGTON POST. ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL CHECK WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN QUEZALTEPEQUE TO SEE IF ANY UNIDENTIFIED BODIES FITTING SULLIVAN'S DESCRIPTION WAS RECOVERED IN THE PAST YEAR.

4. DEPT IS REQUESTED TO ASK THE SULLIVAN FAMILY WHETHER JOHN SULLIVAN HAD ANY SCARS OR MARKS ON HIS LEGS.

5. WE WILL KEEP THE DEPT INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.
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